

TACKLING MODERN DAY SLAVERY

Background

To mark the bicentenary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade, City Parochial Foundation is funding five organisations tackling forms of ‘modern day slavery’, including people trafficking. Each organisation has a particular area of expertise whether it be adults, children, domestic workers or women in sexual exploitation. Recent policy developments offer a good opportunity to ensure that this action translates into real changes on the ground, both in terms of how services are provided by the various agencies but also in the way victims are treated.

Aim

To strengthen the voluntary sector in improving the position of people vulnerable to exploitative situations in the UK.

Objectives

- To increase the capacity of the voluntary sector to campaign on issues of contemporary slavery including trafficking.
- To strengthen the multi-lateral links between charities tackling different forms of ‘modern day slavery’
- To share the learning arising from the charities’ work, especially where there are links across sectors and client groups.

Timescale: Grants awarded: March 2007 and October 2008. Funding over three years.

Amount allocated: £524,700

Organisations Funded

1. **Anti-Slavery International** www.antislavery.org.uk – £110,000 over three years towards policy and campaigning work on trafficking, especially of adults for forced labour.
2. **Eaves Housing** www.eaves4women.co.uk – £148,000 over three years to employ an Exiting Prostitution Development Officer to research and develop strategies for women who wish to leave prostitution.
3. **ECPAT UK** www.ecpat.org.uk – £107,000 over three years to employ a campaigns officer to strengthen its campaigning to work on the trafficking of children.
4. **Kalayaan** www.kalayaan.org.uk – £93,700 over three years towards the costs of the Community Support Worker, supporting with migrant domestic workers.
5. **Women and Girls Network** www.wgn.org.uk - £66,000 over three years to maintain and develop the trafficked women’s counselling and support service.

Special Initiative: Tackling Modern Day Slavery

Evaluation

There is no external evaluation for this programme. A consultant is being commissioned to work with groups on improving their internal data collection.

An interim report on the work undertaken through the special initiative is available from www.cityparochial.org.uk/cpf/17%20Special%20initiatives/tackling_modern_day_slavery.html

Advisory Group members

There is no Advisory Group. Representatives of funded groups attend a six-monthly networking meeting at CPF.

Lead CPF Officer: Rachael Takens-Milne, supported by Sioned Churchill.

Learning to date

- Migrant domestic workers are highly vulnerable to exploitation even with their current rights (which are under threat from changes to immigration regulations).
- Police are reluctant to record cases of passports withheld by employers of migrant domestic workers as 'stolen', recommending instead a 'lost' report be filed.
- Women and Girls Network has found that a very different therapeutic approach is needed with trafficked women in contrast to their clinical work with other abused women.
- A mapping of LB Enfield identified that there are 55 brothels in the borough, whereas previously there were thought to be 18.

Media coverage

Third Sector article <http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/news/Article/745177/Funding-story-City-Parochial-Foundation>.